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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-23 (Canceled).

24. (New) A method of manufacturing a valve which is insertable into a receiving recess of a valve carrier, wherein the valve includes a first housing part and a closing body which cooperates with a sealing surface to form a sealing seat, said method comprising:

fixing the valve in the receiving recess of the valve carrier by the first housing part;

connecting a second housing part by way of a first end to the first housing part, and the sealing surface cooperating with the closing body is formed on the second housing part;

connecting the first housing part to the second housing part via a press-fit connection, the first housing part having a bearing surface which, with the valve inserted, determines the axial position of the latter with respect to the valve carrier; and

determining an overall length (L) of the valve between a second end of the second housing part and the bearing surface of the first housing part by a depth to which the first end of the second housing part is pressed into the first housing part, whereby the depth of said pressing-in between said housing parts is increased by supporting the second housing part in the receiving recess upon insertion of the valve.

25. (New) A method according to Claim 24, wherein a sealing element sealing in the axial direction is provided in the region of the bearing surface.

26. (New) A method according to Claim 24, wherein a sealing edge is formed at the second end of the second housing part.

27. (New) A method according to Claim 24, wherein a first region is formed on the first housing part, said first region forming a first press fit with a first region of the second housing part.

28. (New) A method according to Claim 27, wherein a second region is formed on the first housing part, said second region forming a second press fit with a second region of the second housing part, which has a different radial extent in relation to the first press fit.

29. (New) A method according to Claim 28, wherein a first conical transition is formed between the first region and the second region of the first housing part, and a second conical transition is formed between the first region and the second region of the second housing part.

30. (New) A method according to Claim 28, wherein, to increase the pressing force with increasing pressing-in depth, at least one of the regions of the first housing part and/or of the second housing part is conically shaped.

31. (New) A method according to Claim 28, wherein the axial extent of the first region of the second housing part and the axial extent of the second region of the first housing part are equal.

32. (New) A method according to Claim 24, wherein in order to check the pressing-in depth, a marking is arranged on the first housing part or on the second housing part.

33. (New) A method according to Claim 24, wherein in order to limit the pressing-in depth, a stop surface is formed on the first or the second housing part.

34. (New) A method according to Claim 33, wherein a region which is plastically deformable when the second housing part is pressed deeper into a first housing part is formed on the first housing part.

35. (New) A method according to Claim 34, wherein the plastically deformable region has a radially outwardly directed pre-curvature formed on the first housing part.

36. (New) A method according to Claim 24, wherein the second housing part has an inlet opening axially penetrating through the second housing part.

37. (New) A method according to Claim 24, wherein the first housing part has a central recess formed therein for receiving the closing body and the first end of the second housing part.

38. (New) A method according to Claim 37, wherein there is formed at least one radial outlet opening in the first housing part in the region of the central recess.

39. (New) A method according to Claim 38, wherein in the region of the central recess there is formed at least one further radial opening that is axially offset with respect to the at least one outlet opening in the direction of the closed end of the central recess.

40. (New) A method according to Claim 39, wherein the closing body is formed as a collection receptacle and, at an outer periphery thereof, includes an encircling groove of which the axial

position and extent are selected so that the groove at least partly overlaps the at least one further radial opening, when the closing body with the valve mounted, sealingly cooperates with the sealing surface.

41. (New) A method according to Claim 36, wherein the closing body in cooperation with the central recess of the first housing part forms a clearance fit for adjusting the damping of the valve, and the pressure medium displaced from a rear volume upon movement of the closing body is leadable away through a gap forming the clearance fit between the closing body and the central recess.

42. (New) A method according to Claim 24, wherein the sealing surface is formed on the end face of the first end of the second housing part.

43. (New) A method according to Claim 24, wherein the first housing part is fixable in a valve carrier by means of a screw connection.